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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Hans-Ludwig ALTHAUS et al.

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FOR: OPTOELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCTION THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants file herewith the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

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22. Optoelectronic component comprising a light-emitting element and a system carrier which supports the element, for supporting or mounting the component, an auxiliary carrier made of a thermally conductive material being provided, at least regions of which are transparent or at least translucent for light, which is connected to the system carrier, on the one hand, and is thermally coupled to the element, on the other hand, and in which a recess is provided, through which the light passes, the recess in the auxiliary carrier being covered with a thin covering layer formed from the latter, through which the light passes,

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